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SUBJECT: PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON SRV FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. ASHFAQUE AHMAD KHAN, PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN HANOI AND ACCREDITED TO LPDR, TOLD EMBOFF THAT DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO HANOI TOLD HIM THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ALLOW THE VIETNAMESE TO ASSERT THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SOVIET POWER SPHERE. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PRESSURE THE VIETNAMESE ECONOMICALLY BY REDUCING TRADE AND AID IF THEY ASSERTED THEIR INDEPENDENCE TO EXCESS. THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS THREATENED IN JANUARY 1977 TO DISCONTINUE SHIPMENT OF POL TO VIETNAM IF THE VIETNAMESE DID NOT AGREE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOVIET CONSULATE IN HO CHI MINH
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CITY. THE PAKISTANI ALSO SAID THAT THE SOVIETS PREVENTED PHAM VAN DONG FROM VISITING FRG AND ITALY AFTER PARIS TALKS IN MAY. DONG WENT AHEAD AND VISITED FINLAND WHICH ANGERED SOVIETS, ACCORDING TO PAKISTANI. KHAN SAID THAT LE DUC THO THEN MADE A HURRIED TRIP TO MOSCOW TO REASSURE SOVIETS.

2. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR OPINED THAT SRV/SOVIET RELATIONS ARE DETERIORATING AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY-HANDED SOVIET APPROACH TO RELATIONS. IN CONTRAST, SRV/PRC RELATIONS SEEMED TO THE PAKISTANI TO BE IMPROVING RECENTLY. HE NOTED THAT IN 1977 THE PRC HAS INCREASED ITS AID TO THE SRV OVER THE 1976 LEVEL.

3. THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR BELIEVED KAMPUCHEAN/SRV RELATIONS WERE BAD AND CITED BORDER SKIRMISHES THAT OCCURRED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHEN A HIGH VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL VISITED PHNOM PENH DURING FALL, 1976, THE KAMPUCHEANS REJECTED SRV PROPOSALS THAT THE KAMPUCHEANS ATTEND THE VIETNAMESE WORKERS PARTY 4TH PARTY CONGRESS, RESUME PARTICIPATION IN MEKONG COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, AND ATTEND A LPDR, SRV, KAMPUCHEAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE.
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